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-1982-The year in review

Thoughts turn to the year ahead

It seems appropriate to look back over the past year before going on into 1983. As the voice of the community The Western Review has seen a number of changes over the year - both within itself and in the town it serves.

The most obvious have been in the editorial department. For those familiar with the newspaper industry it should come as no surprise that everyone beginning 1983 is a new face from last year.

You may also have noticed we changed our type size to the larger, easier to read 10 point. This happened in October and since we didn't hear about it we assume you like it.

There have also been changes in the layout and design of the paper - all with an eye toward improving it. Dig up a year-old copy and compare the banners on the front page. Remember when those were changed last summer?

Outside the paper we have seen a number of changes in the community and 1982 was an eventful year. We had an election this year and another blowout.

Before and after there were a number of other new things, as well as repeats. During it all we did our best to be there to report them for our reader ship.

Hopefully you have enjoyed our coverage in 1982 and will enjoy our coverage of 1983. But before we begin 1983 - this is our review of 1982.



Lodgepole's towering inferno claimed two lives and defied efforts of well-lighting teams for 66 days. It was brought under control Dec. 23. [photo by Greg Harris]

Hansen meets the challenge

By Stuart Adams

A rare technique was used to bring the Amoco Canada wild well near Lodgepole under control Thursday. Boots Hansen, of Boots and Coots Inc., led a team which capped the well while it remained on fire.

Hansen had accomplished the feat twice before and it was only the fourth or fifth time it has been done in the history of wild well fighting.

"I was very relieved," said Hansen. "We told 'em we could do it and we showed a film of one we capped while on fire, realizing we'd have to rig up heavier for this one."

"This was a real good sized well and to do it without water was quite an accomplishment."

He explained his two previous cappings had taken place in England and Alabama at times of the year when they were able to use water to cool the men and equipment.

Winter temperatures eliminated that possibility on this well. Susan and ice would have created too many problems, said Hansen.

To provide protection, heat shields were used and a chimney like 'riser' was placed above the wellhead to extend the flame higher above the workers.

A 10 metre deep trench was dug to allow crews access to the well casing below the casing bowl which was damaged when the well caught fire the second time. This casing bowl had to be removed so a second one could be attached to receive the blowout preventer (BOP).

Once the new casing bowl was installed, an attempt to attach the BOP was halted when a hearing failed on one track of the Ashley wagon being used to move the BOP.

Beats were made and the successful attempt followed Thursday. Once the BOP was bolted down flare lines were attached to it and the gas flow was diverted to a flare pit.

The valves to the flare pit were then slowly closed and drilling mud was pumped into the hole to counteract the gas pressure and 'kill' the well.

Hansen left Drayton Valley Friday morning for his home in Houston. He said it would be his first Christmas at home in three years.

Last year he and fellow firefighter Pat Campbell spent Christmas with a wild well in England. The year before they had "two Christmases" when they returned from working in China and crossed the International Dateline on Christmas Day.

"We have Coots (Matthews) and Rick Baker were first out," he said the evening before he left. Hansen said the company has two men other than himself and Coots who are capable of handling blowouts on their own. Pat Campbell is one of them and he accompanied him here at the request of Amoco.

Another Boots and Coots firefighter was also on this job, Clayton Berry, as well as two men from the fire and protective equipment division, Dwight Williams and Hansen's son Orin.

The blowout was the fifth Boots and Coots has handled this year. Hansen said they did 58 last year and 64 the year before. "People don't realize there are blowouts unless they get publicity," he added.

He said he was in this area in 1964 with Myron Kistler, the original wild well fighter. They were working on a blowout near Pigeon Lake for Texaco and one of the bulldozer operators he met on that job worked for him on this one - a man he referred to as "Mr. Lindsay".

In 1969 Red Adair, who also worked for Kistler, formed his own company and Boots and Coots went with him. They were Adair's lead hands until December of 1977 when Adair fired them.

"We tried to find out why," said Hansen. "It was just insubordination."

He explained how they were trying to expand



Boots Hansen.

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Fire department purchased rescue device

Winter held Drayton Valley in its icy grip for all of January and then some. Town snow removal crews worked overtime, cars and trucks started infrequently, and skiers and pedestrians attempted to maneuver through the mountains of snow as gracefully as the numbing temperatures permitted.

School students benefited from all the seasonally inclement weather by receiving spontaneous holidays on more than one occasion. Ted and Sophie Wojcicki of Drayton Valley joyfully mused months of agonizing uncertainty when daughter Teresa, her husband Alfred and their three children safely fled marital law in Poland for freedom in Canada.

The town fire department unveiled a \$10,000 piece of rescue equipment dubbed the 'Jaws of life' designed to extricate persons trapped in vehicles. It was the first of several items on their shopping list for building a new rescue unit.

Shoppers struggled with the annoying aspects of purchasing fuel in grams and kilograms and fanned the fires of the WCC with cries of "give us pounds and ounces."

Town council discovered that an unnamed number of citizens left unpaid \$400,000 worth of property taxes, a factor which if corrected would make the town's financial picture a bit rosier, council hoped.

MLA Shirley Cripps' political fortunes continued to be may with her unexpected leadership nomination from the local PC



A rare break in frigid January weather made for long line-ups at the Drayton Valley Ski Hill.

constituency association.

Wheels of progress continued to turn in the area with plans finally laid for construction of a \$16 million hospital facility.

And wheels of progress not so much turned but sunk when a backhoe working on the Berrymore bridge construction site broke through the ice and became mired. Only in January.

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---Well fighters---

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their business hours and it is the firing by Aday. "We bucked him a little bit."

Coot said, "What the hell are we gonna do? and I said all we can do is fight fire," he added.

The men decided to form their own company and had their charter on Dec. 16. At this point then said they didn't have a name and went with Boots and Coots because that's how "people all around the world know us."

"We got our telephone Dec. 28 and set there until Jan. 4, when we got our first job."

"That first year we did 20 jobs and we were real proud."

It's been all over the world except for behind the Iron Curtain. He said the Russians still use well control specialists — they drill relief wells instead.

When asked if he would use the method he used to control this well again he said certainly and especially in environmentally sensitive areas.

While the Lodgepole blowout was difficult he said the large ones aren't always the toughest. "Sometimes the littlest, small ones can be the most difficult," he drawled. "It's just Mother Nature, you don't know what she'll do."

"You'll make a move and she'll make a move."

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Opinions

Broad economic base is Drayton Valley's solution in the 80's

The past year has not been a banner one for Alberta, and in particular, towns dependent on the oil and gas industry.

A number of businesses were unable to continue operating as a result of the recession. Although it doesn't comfort those who have had to close their doors, or those who have struggled, we have been fortunate in this province.

The rest of the country has been brought to its knees by the high interest rates and inflation. Alberta is no exception — in many cases people have had farther to fall, but the past prosperity has also carried most of us through times where people in other provinces have nothing to fall back on.

The drilling incentives program was especially beneficial to the oil and gas industry. However, now that it has run out what is the oil patch left with?

As our MLA Shirley Cripps said following her re-election, the marketing of our products is of prime importance. Without buyers for our agricultural and oil and gas products we will suffer.

But beyond that we have to look toward attracting another industry here. The Brazeau Timber Development appears to be a while in coming.

Whether or not Drayton Valley will get it, or even a significant share of it is not the important thing to be considered. With a target date in the late 1980's we can't afford to wait. Our elected representatives and our business community must combine to draw further industrial activity to this town.

Drayton Valley cannot remain dependent on the whims of the federal government and the vagaries of the world markets for our raw materials.

We need to be producers of exportable goods, not the exporters of the raw materials for those goods.

If this past year has taught us anything it is that we can survive. But we should also recognize that it can be very hard to survive. It appears we are coming out of the recession slump, but as we come out of it we should realize we must prepare ourselves as not to get caught again.

That should be our goal for 1983 — to work together toward broadening our economic base to prevent another year like 1982.



The picture taken at the blowout site was Western Review darkroom technician Lynn Jousa's favorite picture of 1982.

Editor's Notes

Treat Oiler fans with kid gloves

Here we are with my last column of the year and it's time to make a prediction and a resolution.

We were a bit disappointed that town council took our Halloween prank so lightly. We predict that we'll put a burn under their collective saddle at least once in 1983.

Now to get on with the serious business. Mrs. Deby and I have noticed the Edmonton Oiler fans have been restless lately.

We think it has something to do with the fact that they've won a couple of games. Un-

fortunately, even though Gretzky is a great hockey player (sorry to John Followow for suggesting that the little fellow is anything less), but he isn't the whole hockey team.

Mrs. Deby and I like to think we have a whole hockey team and are presently organizing a Stanley Cup Parade — just like the one they'll have in Montreal in 1983.

But aside from that, our New Year's resolution is to try to be more gentle with those poor Edmonton Oiler fans.

Stuart Adams
Managing Editor

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Parents fought to save schools

March reared in like a threatened lion but departed a timid lamb. Skiers took to the slopes in short-shorts at month's end, raising hopes that spring would make its early appearance.

A proposed business licensing fee by the County of Parkland also reared in like a lion but quietly left. All businesses were to pay a licence fee, varying in size from \$100 to \$150 per year, depending on the location of the business.

Area residents were incensed at the fee proposal, feeling the county was already receiving enough tax dollars. The bylaw was rescinded later in the month at a development meeting on grounds that many people didn't understand the purpose of the fee.

In my view the bylaw was premature. The public should have been better informed," commented councillor Ivan Vowles.

The Breton-Drayton Valley Ambulance Authority dissolved itself with the town of Drayton Valley, Evansburg, Esterhill and the County of Parkland, waiting in the wings to form a new authority.

Council agreed to "promise" \$4 per capita as a subsidy to the authority to ensure provision of ambulance services in the area.

The Hospital Board established a policy of rape tests for suspected victims following incidents where Drayton Valley doctors refused to administer the tests. Suspected victims had been referred to other doctors, and in some cases, other hospitals.

Alder Flats, Duck Lake and Winfield parents informed County of Wetaskiwin officials that they wouldn't stand still for a plan to close two high schools in the area. Close to 300 parents jammed the Duck Lake Recreation Centre in March to consider alternatives.

Grade 12 students at Frank Maddock were put on edge when their annual graduation banquet was threatened with cancellation. The responsibility of putting on the affair was left up to a handful of students and staff the previous year, and administration officials refused to "accept" the hassle of putting it on again, unless more students pitched in.



Julius Schultz and Carl Little from the works department of Drayton Valley were kept busy last spring coping with a heavy spring run-off.

the Bay The Clearance of 'Christmas past'

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Grease attracted large following

The month of June started off with a blast, at the site of Drayton Valley's new hospital. The sod-turning ceremony was actually May 25, but Chris Shanahan made the front page of The Western Review June 2, by deftly a piece of sod with his head.

Grease was presented by D.V. Players. The play, set in the 1880s, was well-staged and attracted hundreds of spectators over the five-day period.



Former Western Review reporter Chris Shanahan takes a bump on the head lightly.

June witnessed town council drop their 1982 budget, on the people. The town's spending budget was projected at \$1.8 million, with early indications of a 7.2 per cent increase in taxes to residents.

The county's tax roll was announced simultaneously, with a projected average of 20 per cent increase in taxation. The county blamed Edmonton's announcement of tax revenue land for the staggering increase, saying the rest of the County of Parkland would have to make up the difference.

Elsewhere, Days suffered a 35 per cent decrease at the gate, despite the best weather in recent history. An average of 1,200 attended day time events, and 1,500, on average, attended night time events. The weather made it a success though, as "Blowout

Days turned out to be all that was billed as—a fitting celebration for Drayton Valley's 25th anniversary.

When The Western Review reported on the Main proposal for the Brazeau Timber Development Area, Drayton Valley was slated one of the major beneficiaries in Main's plans.

"This project is crucial to diversifying the local economy," said Shirley Cripps, M.L.A. for the district.

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Development was emerging as Drayton Valley's summertime dream.

Days ended as a crazy note, with the fourth recreation director or in as many years resigning, effective



Grease, a D.V. Players' presentation, played before packed houses, five days running.

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Council draws heat in July

You know it's summer when the RCMP warn to lock up the gas barbecue, and they did so in July's first issue of The Western Review.

But July really began with the WCC party rolling into town like Paul Revere, shouting for independence and freedom.

Doug Christie, British Columbia WCC organizer, was the headline speaker who said, "Without independence, western Canadians will suffer the same subversion they have had for the past 114 years."

He and his crew attracted only 70 people, as countless party drunkenly plagued the new Alberta political movement.

Town council, on the other hand, stood unified against growing public anger over tax increases.

"Picking a banner year (1980) for making assessments was a hell of a time to estimate property values, but we have no control over this," stated Mayor Bob Mayhew.

The Western Review conducted a survey, revealing some business

establishments faced attracted only 70 people, as countless party drunkenly plagued the new Alberta political movement.

"Blame the government for it," said Mayhew.

More recreation-related controversy emerged in July when Alvinia Spurling resigned as recreation board chairman.

"(Council) doesn't know how to use a board," said Spurling. "They refuse to acknowledge how a board is supposed to function."

She departed after five years of service, one year as board chairman.

Breton celebrated 25 years in July, with a pancake breakfast, a parade and a festival, topped off by a fiddlers' jamboree at Breton Community Hall.

And the end of July featured the Breton Timber Development as news. Participants in the bidding were revealed with each proposal outlined for Drayton Valley's population.

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Recreation

Summer was busy in Drayton Valley

Summer sports in Drayton Valley are numerous. There's baseball, football, ladies' football, rodeo, gymnastics, bowling, armwrestling and soccer.

Baseball, featuring the Drayton Valley Oilers, and football, with the Drayton Valley Riggers, dominate the recreation pages of the Western Review. Rodeo runs a close second.

But May still has hockey news. Last May, the Drayton Valley Minor Hockey Association was winding up with an awards banquet; so were the M&R Commanders Junior B club after their first season in play.

While hockey players receive awards, ball players and rodeo contestants are preparing to win them.

The Riggers of the Sturgeon Men's Football League started fast and won six of their first nine games.

The Oilers of the Oilfield Baseball League did even better, winning eight before losing one to the Eysford Colts.

Strangely enough, after winning seven and losing four, the Riggers faced playoff elimination, their league was that competitive.

The Oilers progressed through their season, with the inevitable Eysford/Drayton Valley rivalry building to a climax—the OBL finals. Eysford took the best-of-five three straight.

The Riggers ended up winning the B side championship against Devon Stingers.

Other sporting highlights included the 19th annual Buck Mountain Fish Derby, where 1,000 fishermen entered the weekend event.

Drayton Valley minor soccer was aided by the



Alan Brown of Drayton Valley home on at Tomahawk.

Edmonton Minor Soccer Association in hosting coaching and refereeing clinics during spring training.

The swimming pool opened late May.

Tomahawk held their rodeo Aug. 7.

Rod Barrett of Breton travelled to the Canadian National Championships of armwrestling where he managed to win handily.

One Drayton Valley sportsman, worthy of mention is Darcy Berger, after he showed real determination during the National Youth Bowling Championships, May 7, 8 and 9 in Saskatoon.

Berger placed fifth but would likely have done better had he not been ill for the entire tournament. Finally, the Neptune Swim Club from Drayton Valley swam in a provincial championship during August, where they won medals and otherwise had good showings.

Shelley Reynolds took gold in the age 15 and 16 freestyle. Lance Graham picked up silver in the age 15 and 16 backstroke. The relay team of Shelley Reynolds, Yvette Oscar, Michelle McQuig and Darlene Hausheer won gold in the 200-metre age 15 and 16 relay race.

Winter sports attracted tournaments

Curlers, bowlers and pucksters filled The Western Review's sports pages from January to April with thrilling victories and agonizing losses.

The 17th annual Pembina Oilmen's Association bonspiel attracted 48 risks or 192 curlers to the Drayton Valley Curling Club. Forties and Associates rink battled their way to the top of the draw to clinch first place.

Dianne Stuchinski captured the same 16 junior ladies' title in Whitecourt, when opposition risks from Hinton and Jasper failed to show up due to inclement weather. Ron Froden and his senior men's team didn't have their division championship

handed to them as Stuchinski had to battle back from the B side of the double knock-out competition.

Frank MacIsaac Amnans girls' basketball squad capped a victorious season with the consolation title of the provincial high school championships in Canmore. The win placed them fourth in Alberta girls' standings.

Minor Hockey Week invaded the arena with attention being temporarily diverted from the front running Flyers and the struggling Junior B M&R Commanders. The wee kids dived J&A Trucking to take the title in the end-of-week tournament.

The Pembina and Violet Grove Boating Clubs sent five bowlers off to the provincial silver gloves championships for what was expected to be not much more than a learning experience. However, local fighters ended up doing most of the teaching during the open tournament as they captured four silver gloves championships.

Fall a time for organizing

The Drayton Valley Riggers football team finished off the Devon Stingers to take the "B" side championship for the Sturgeon Men's Football League. The team won the best two-out-of-three on the road.

The local fall open golf tournament drew 56 golfers and was won by Tim Coats with a 156 score over 36 holes.

Drayton Valley became a two-rodos town as the Moonlight Trail 4-H Light Horse Club put on a rodeo in mid-September. The second rodeo of the year wasn't the success the organizers would have

Getzinger's Auto Body Rangers was the Pee Wee Zone 3 provincial eliminations with a 6-1 win over Whitecourt, but lost to Morinville in the two-game semi final.

Drayton Valley Flyers' hopes for a berth in the Central Alberta Hockey League playoffs were dashed with a 5-4 loss to the Bentley Generals. M&R Commanders turned their season around late in the year and advanced to the playoffs against the Whitecourt Warriors. They lost four games straight in the best-of-seven series to close out the season.

Area bowlers once again displayed their skills, this time at the Alberta Winter Games. The five competitors packed away two gold, two silver, and five bronze medals in Lloydminster.

And, armwrestlers from far and near gathered at St. Anthony's School for a Knights of Columbus-sponsored tournament, organized to raise funds for the Drayton Valley Hospital.

liked, but the stock and competition convinced them to run it again next year.

Soccer took the spotlight for the Sept. 25 and 26 weekend as the Central Alberta Rural Towns Soccer League championships were held here. Drayton Valley fought its way to the finals, but was edged out by the team from Stoney Plain.

October was a month for organizing as the winter indoor and outdoor sports began. National Figure Skating Week took place, minor hockey got under way and the junior and senior teams began their play.



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Blowout and election make October noteworthy

October was one of the most exciting months of 1982 with a provincial election campaign, and a blowout competing for the spotlight.

Three candidates tossed their hats into the ring following Premier Lougheed's election announcement of Oct. 6. Incumbent Shirley Cripps represented the Progressive Conservatives, Lynne Martin the New Democratic Party and George Perdikaris the Western Canada Concept Party.

Cripps won the election with 67 per cent of the popular vote. The WCC candidate placed second with 17 per cent and the NDP followed with 16 per cent.

The Drayton Valley General Hospital was also put up for sale. No, it wasn't the new one, but when the new facility is occupied the old one will become vacant.

The Drayton Valley hospital board decided to

tender the building and the 3.14-acre property for when they vacate the premises. The estimated price tag was \$1.3 million, but when the tender ran out there were no takers.

Stan Rogers opened the season for D.V. Presents with his folk trio. The well known musician has made numerous appearances across Canada and the United States. The event was reasonably well attended and the entertainment of the first order.

At 2:00 p.m. on Oct. 17 Drayton Valley once again became a national focal point as another sour gas well blew out 48 km southwest of town.

It would take two bins, catch fire twice, require two different well control companies from Texas to work on it and take 68 days to be brought under control.

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Cripps swept November election

Halloween was a quiet way to end October in Drayton Valley, but the first two days in November were made up for anything which may not have happened.

The first day of November began with the wild well catching fire as the first attempt was made to cap it. No one was injured, but the \$6.5 million rig was lost as flames shot over 70 metres into the air. Work to clear the debris took almost two weeks before another attempt could be made to cap the well after snuffing the flame with explosives on Nov. 14.

Two days later Wild Well Control worker Byron Lee was killed and fellow employee Irvin Hoke fatally injured in the attempt. No one was able to explain the accident which caused the deaths, but sources claimed the team was within inches of capping the well.

Two days later Joe Bowden made another unsuccessful attempt to cap the well, but was thwarted by a poor seal between the BOP and the casing bowl on the wellhead.

During the following week hydrogen sulphide levels caused major concerns in the area as Croytha residents were put on evacuation alert.

At the end of that week an underground fire ignited condensate on the well site and the well caught fire again.

On the election scene, The Western Review staff worked late into the night and shuffled printing deadlines to report the election winner the next day. Shirley Cripps was the runaway victor, increasing her total percentage from 56 to 67 over the previous campaign.

Following her win she said she will begin her term by working on the Brassau Timber Development project. She was pleased with her re-election because she said it gave her the opportunity to see a number of projects through to completion.

She said she wants to see the completion of Highway 25 from Alder Plaza to Rocky Mountain House. Highway 816 from Black Creek to Breton and more work on 50th Ave. west of Drayton Valley.

The D.V. Players broke new ground in Drayton Valley by presenting a drama as the opener for this year's season. The effort was well-received and the medium-sized audience enjoyed the first time offering of a serious theatre work.

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Bathroom Tissue Cashmere, 4's	\$1²⁹	Margarine Westco, 1 lb.	59¢
Coffee Nabob, 1 lb. can	\$2⁴⁹	PRODUCE	
Mushrooms Money's, stems & pieces, 10 oz.	59¢	Jap Oranges Original	\$6⁴⁹ box
Minced Meat Babe's, 282 ml.	\$2⁵⁹	Green Grapes	59¢ lb.
Green Beans Green Giant, 282 ml.	59¢	Green Cabbage	29¢ lb.

Ice Cream Palm, Big Popper, 4 litre \$3 ⁷⁹

MEAT

Round Steak \$2 ²⁹ lb.	\$5²⁹ lb.
Rump Roast \$2 ²⁹ lb.	\$5²⁹ lb.
Party Sticks Gainer's, 600 g. \$1 ⁹⁹ lb.	
Smoked Picnic Gainer's, 1000 g. \$1 ¹⁹ lb.	\$2²⁹ lb.
Cured Leg Ham Gainer's, Whole \$1 ¹⁹ lb.	\$3²⁹ lb.

DELI

Cooked Ham Gainer's \$2 ²⁹ lb.	\$5⁰³ lb.
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Tomato Juice Libby's, 1.36 litre 99¢	Orange Juice Old South, 300 ml. \$1 ⁰⁹	Hash Browns Coronation, 1.6 kg. \$1 ²⁹
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Cottage Rolls Banta's, 4 \$4 ³⁷ kg.	Bacon Gainer's, by the piece \$1 ¹⁴ lb. \$3 ⁷⁰ lb.	Kernel Corn Green Giant, 341 ml. 58¢
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Paper Towels Vivo, 2 rolls	\$1¹⁹	Dill Pickles McLaren's, Bread & Butter, 1 litre	\$1⁹⁹
Facial Tissue Scottie, 200	78¢	Cake Mixes Domino Mixes, 520 g.	\$1¹⁹
Bathroom Tissue Cashmere, 4's	\$1²⁹	Margarine West Soft, 1 lb.	59¢
Coffee Robit, 1 lb. can	\$2⁸⁹	PRODUCE	
Mushrooms Money's, stems & pieces, 10 oz.	59¢	Jap Oranges Original	\$6⁴⁹ box
Minced Meat Nabob, 883 ml.	\$2⁹⁹	Green Grapes	89¢ lb. \$1⁹⁴ lb.
Green Beans Green Giant, 385 ml.	59¢	Green Cabbage	29¢ 64¢ lb.
		Grapefruit	69¢

Ice Cream Palm, Big Dipper, 4 litre \$3 ⁷⁹

MEAT

Round Steak \$2 ²⁹ \$5 ²⁹ lb.
Rump Roast \$2 ²⁹ \$5 ²⁹ lb.
Party Sticks Galt's, 800 g. \$1 ⁸⁸ lb.
Smoked Picnic Galt's, 800 g. \$1 ²⁹ lb. \$2 ⁸² lb.
Cured Leg Ham Galt's, Whole \$1 ⁴⁹ lb. \$3 ²⁸ lb.

DELI

Cooked Ham Galt's \$2 ²⁹ \$5 ⁰³ lb.

Tomato Juice Libby's, 1.36 litre 98¢	Orange Juice Old Dutch, 385 ml. \$1 ⁰⁹	Hash Browns Carnation, 1.3 kg. \$1 ²⁹
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Conage Rolls Manna's, 1/2 lb. \$4 ³⁷ lb.	Bacon Manna's, by the piece \$1 ⁴⁹ lb. \$3 ⁷⁰ lb.	Kernel Corn Green Giant, 361 ml. 59¢
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